Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd
Second Annual General Meeting
7.30pm, 24 March 1997, Central Park Cafe, Frankston

Present

Members:Bob Gourley (Chairman), Richard Greaves, David Griffiths, Lois Wishart, Jack Lloyd, Philomene Tenni and John Neve.
Visitors: Roger Lamb, Sandra Lamb and Ian Nixon

The Chairman welcomed the visitors and said that as a quorum was not yet in attendance the meeting would proceed with hearing the guest speaker Roger Lamb.

Mr Lamb spoke about the potential for solar energy. He said that Victoria was one of the worst producers of greenhouse because of our brown coal generation. Mr Lamb said that solar power was currently costing 40c a unit - compared with 3-4cents a unit for coal generated power and that this made it very hard for solar to compete.

He said that the Brunswick Municipal Utility had established the first solar powered house in Victoria and that CitiPower was buying excess power at the same rate the householder was being charged for power supplied by CitiPower.

He suggested that a similar project could be attempted in the United Energy distribution area - initiated by a group of enthusiastic and committed people. Mr Lamb said that United Energy should be asked whether it was willing to pay the current retails rates for solar power feed into the grid by participating households.

David Griffiths advised members and visitors that copies were available of reports from the Renewable Energy Policy Project at the University of Maryland:
Disclosure and Certification:Truth and Labeling for Electric Power
Issue Brief No 5 January 1997
Energy and the Environment:The Public View
Issue Brief No 3 October 1996
The Environmental Imperative: A Driving Force in the Development and Deployment of Renewable Energy Technologies
Issue Brief No 1 April 1996

The Chairman thanked Mr Lamb and at 8.30 pm the Chairman noted that a quorum was not present and ruled that the meeting would be adjourned to held at 7.30pm, 31 March 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston.

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